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REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 1-15 and 20-37 are pending and in condition for allowance.

This Amendment is submitted in response to the *Ex Parte Quayle* action canceling claims 16-19 and 38-40, without prejudice or disclaimer.

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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